OLD ENGLAND.

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WHEN I meet with an old Writer, whom I have not before ſeen, and whoſe Sentiments exactly tally with mine on the ſame Subject, I am generally tempted to tranſcribe ſome of his Thoughts in my own Juſtification, in order to reproduce them to the Public upon Occaſion: And as the tame Politics of the Times do not at preſent furniſh much new Matter, I ſhall this Day lay before my Readers a few of the Extracts I made on one of thoſe Occaſions, with a few Remarks of my own interſperſed. The Treatiſe I make uſe of is called *An Inquiry into the Cauſes of our Naval Miſcarriages*, &c. It was printed in 1707. The Dedication is to the Parliament of *Great Britain*, in which are the following Paſſages.

"If *Cræſus*'s dumb Son could ſpeak, when he ſaw the Knife at his Father's Throat, I hope I may be juſtified, when I plead in Behalf of my Country, our common Mother, whoſe Reputation, Wealth, and Security are now ſo highly concerned."

"How it comes to paſs, I need not ſay: But it is a melancholy Reflection to conſider, that ſince the Beginning of the War with *France* in King *William*'s Reign, to this Day, a Naval War ſeems to have been neglected, and accounted only a Thing by the Bye; and a War by Land, carried on in foreign Countries, has been regarded as our principal Buſineſs, tho' Nature and Reaſon plainly dictate the contrary."

"Nature has aſſigned us an Iſland, and kind Providence furniſhed us with Materials to build Ships, and with Men of able Bodies and ſtout Hearts to mann them: Nor has the divine Goodneſs been wanting to ſupply us with navigable Rivers, and ſafe Harbours; by which we may be enabled to defend ourſelves, and annoy our Enemies."

"By all this it is plain, we have had it in our Power, by a right Management of our Fleet, to reduce our common Enemy of *France*, and to have had the whole Trade of the *Spaniſh Weſt Indies*, as the Reward of the Blood and Treaſure we have expended in Defence of our own, and the Liberties of *Chriſtendom*. It has been in our Power, not only to ſeize the *French* Colonies in *North* and *South America*, but to eſtabliſh our Trade in the *Spaniſh Weſt Indies*, beyond whatever our Anceſtors could do."

The next Paragraph, probably, gave the firſt Hint for making an Acquiſition, which has proved the moſt valuable one, in many Reſpects, of all that we preſerved by the Peace of *Utrecht*. Certain it is, that the Place in Queſtion was taken the very next Year, by Sir *John Leake* and General *Stanhope*: And of great Uſe it hath ſince been to us, tho' better Policy might have made it of much greater.

"We have been engaged, ſays my Author, in Defence of the Monarchy of *Spain* from the Uſurpation of *France*; and this intitled us to fix a Place of Arms in any Part of their Dominions, as would beſt ſuit ſuch a Deſign. It is therefore ſtrange that when our Attempt upon *Cales* miſcarried, (the Reaſon of which is ſtill a Miſtery) we did not immediately ſail up the *Streights*, and take Poſſeſſion of *Port Mahon* in *Minorca*, and make it a Harbour for our Fleet, a Magazine for our naval Stores, for careening and refitting our Men of War, as we did in the Reign of King *Charles* II. during our War againſt *Algiers*."

After animadverting on this Neglect, the Writer gives a Catalogue of the Advantages that might be made of *Port Mahon*, by keeping a Fleet there ſuperior to the *French*. By mentioning only a few of theſe, we ſhall ſhew the Juſtneſs of his Judgment, and diſcover how far thoſe Advantages were purſued during the laſt War.

"1. We might have prevented their ſending Forces to *Italy* by Sea, which would ſoon have put an End to the War in that Country; and having no Way to recruit their Troops there, they muſt have ſurrendered Priſoners of War."—— Was not this Paragraph, without Alteration, juſt as true in 1748, when we had been Forty Years in Poſſeſſion of *Port Mahon*, as it was in 1707, when the Poſſeſſion of it was only deſired? It was very much in our Power, with proper Veſſels, to have done all that our Author ſuppoſes. This was affirmed, once and again, in Journals and Pamphlets. But was any ſuch proper Veſſels ſent? Did we intercept any conſiderable Number of the Forces embarked from *France* for *Italy*? The Fact is ſo recent, that we leave every one to make the Anſwer to himſelf.

"2. We ſhould have ruined the Trade of *Marſeilles*, ſays our Author, with the *Italians*, *Spaniards*, and *Turks*; and not only have ſecured, but conſiderably advanced our own Trade in the *Mediterranean*. It muſt be acknowledged that, during the laſt War, a very conſiderable Interruption was made in the Trade of *Marſeilles*. A *Levant* Merchant Ship was worth taking, when a poor Tranſport was not. But were any Means uſed at the ſame time to put our own *Levant* Trade on a better Footing? I muſt declare, I have not heard of any. But it is generally allowed, that fair Dealing and a good Commodity, are at all times the beſt Recommendations to the *Turks*: And if our Trade has ſuffered for want of theſe, it will be no difficult Matter to lay the Blame on the right Perſons."

"6. When the Rovers of *Barbary* had once found us Maſters of thoſe Seas, they muſt have given over their Piracies, and applied to a fair Way of Trading; by which we ſhould have enlarged our Trade to *Barbary*, to our great Advantage." This is ſo general a Truth, that we have found it exemplified, in every Inſtance wherein we have *thought proper*, ſince *Minorca* has been in our Hands. How little did we hear of the Rovers of *Algiers* and *Tunis* during the late War, when our Fleets were Maſters in the *Mediterranean*? How eaſy would it have been, by ſending only a ſomewhat larger Squadron, to have adjuſted all Diſputes with the Dey of *Algiers* to our Satisfaction? But Ships of War ſent only on a Meſſage, and not powerful enough to enforce that Meſſage, muſt be contemptible in the Eyes of more ſavage Barbarians than the *Algerines*. The Powers of *France*, *Spain*, *Portugal*, and the two *Sicilies* (if not the Pope and the Knights of *Malta*) have been long cementing a Confederacy to chaſtiſe thoſe Free-booters, who muſt think themſelves a formidable People by the vaſt Preparations that are made againſt them. What an Idea then muſt it have given of the *Britiſh* Power, if we had awed them by Surprize into a Submiſſion, as we were doubtleſs able to have done?

Not that I think we ought to do this for the Sake of *French*, *Spaniards*, or *Italians*; but merely to ſupport our own Character, as the firſt of maritime Powers. The more Interruption the ſmaller maritime Powers receive from the States of *Barbary*, the better muſt it always be for us. Our Intereſt, therefore, is to preſerve and extend our own Influence, and rather to traverſe, than to promote, that of any other Nation. The Poſſeſſion of *Port Mahon* enables us, in this reſpect, to do almoſt what we pleaſe: And it is clearly our own Fault, beyond all poſſible Suſpicion to the contrary, if we have ſuffered the leaſt Diſgrace to fall on our Character. Our Advantages are moſt demonſtrable: By *Gibraltar* we command the *Streights*, and by *Minorca* the whole *Mediterranean*. We might command them, I ſhould ſay; and if we do not, on whom falls the Blame?

"7. By being Maſters of *Port Mahon*, we ſhould naturally become Guarantees of all Treaties betwixt the *Turks* and any Chriſtian Nation: For the *Turk*, ſeeing us Sovereigns in thoſe Seas, would never find it their Intereſt to break Treaties. The *French* firſt acquired their Reputation at the *Ottoman Porte*, by pretending to be Sovereigns of the *Mediterranean*: But, ſince the *Turks* have been partly undeceived, by ſeeing us Maſters of that Sea in the Summer-Seaſon, the *French* have ſunk, at leaſt one Half, at the *Ottoman* Court: Which clearly proves they muſt have ſunk intirely, had we kept a Fleet all the Year in the *Streights*."

There is ſo much Connection betwixt this Paragraph and the laſt, that we ſhall not attempt any farther Comment, but recommend them both to ſerious Conſideration. If this Author's Judgment be right, we may meaſure by it the Rectitude of our own Conduct, ſince we have been in Poſſeſſion of *Minorca*. Have we been the Guarantees of all Treaties betwixt *Turks* and Chriſtians? Is our Reputation riſen, upon the Ruin of that of *France*, at the *Ottoman Porte*? Theſe are plain Queſtions; they may be eaſily anſwered; and the Anſwer to them, if fairly and honeſtly given, muſt be deciſive in regard to the Politics of *Great Britain* for the laſt Forty Years.

Some Pains were taken by the Writers in the Intereſt of their Country (when it was apprehended that *Gibraltar* would either be ceded ſimply to *Spain*, or exchanged for *Ceuta* on the Coaſt of *Barbary*, by the late Peace) to prove, that neither *Ceuta*, nor any Thing elſe the *Spaniards* could give, would be an Equivalent for this Key of the *Streights*. What then ſhall we ſay of *Port Mahon*, which opens to us all that is within thoſe *Streights*? To maſter a Paſſage into a Sea, and be interrupted afterwards in the Navigation of it, would be a ſmall Benefit: And by the Poſſeſſion of thoſe two Places, which mutually enhance the Value of each other, we have not only Freedom of Entrance, but a full and uncontroulable Range after we are entered. Where muſt the Fault lie, if we do not avail ourſelves of thoſe Advantages?

Mahon is not only the beſt Port in the *Mediterranean*, but perhaps can hardly be parallelled upon the Face of the whole Globe. The Capacity and Safety of the Haven, and the Strength of the Fortifications, are equally admirable. The *Carthaginians* knew the Value of this Place in the very early Days of Navigation, as appears both from the Name,* and the Teſtimony of authentic Hiſtory.

* Portus Magonis, *from* MAGO *a* Carthaginian *Admiral*. *Few Etymologies are leſs forced than this.*

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LONDON.

One Day last Week a Tradesman's Wife at Tacklee-Forest in Essex, was by a Gipsy defrauded of two Gold Rings, 8 l. 16 s. 6 d, a Gown, Stays, two Suits of Head-Cloaths, two Holland Aprons, and two Handkerchiefs, on Pretence that in a Day or two she would return with the above Money and Goods, and then they would find in the Celler an old Iron Pot filled with Gold; and she not having returned to her Time, gave Suspicion of the Fraud. The Tradesman's Wife is since come to Town, in order to detect the Cheat, who it's said belongs to the Gang at Norwood.

Wednesday came Advice, that the Wells, late Connell, from Virginia to St. Kitt's, by Distress of Weather put into the Havannah, and is there detained, under Pretence of being on a Contraband Trade.

A Ketch belonging to Plymouth, one Mahony Master, is also detained there on the same Pretence.

A Ventilator, of the same Size, and worked the same Way as that on board the Sheerness Man of War, is ordered to be fixed up at Newgate, for keeping that Jail more wholesome and airy than heretofore.

We hear from Paris, that the Count d'Argenson, who is a great Encourager of Arts and Sciences, has lately procured a Gratuity of 800 Livres out of the King's Treasury to M. Peyrere, a Portuguese, as a Reward for his Talent in teaching Persons to speak who were born deaf and dumb, and given him Hopes that this Gratuity may become annual.

Last Saturday one Dun, a lame Porter, that plies in Exchange Alley, walk'd in Pall Mall, for a considerable Wager, four Miles an Hour, for the Space of four Hours; which he performed, and had at the last coming in about three Minutes.

At Taunton in Somersetshire, a Person hath invented a new Method of Weaving, which is performed with such Ease and Dispatch, that a Child twelve Years old, can weave double the Number of Yards in a Day, and that in much greater Perfection, than can be done by the most skilful Hand in a common Loom.

A few Days since an Ensign was degraded, an Adjutant suspended, and a Serjeant reduced to the Degree of a Common Soldier, for Misbehaviour, &c. and several Soldiers for deserting and Neglect of Duty ordered to be whipped according to the Sentence of a Court Martial.

Last Saturday, about Nine o'Clock at Night, Mr. Philps a Clergyman, Counsellor Jones, and two other Gentlemen, returning to London from Kingston Assizes in a Landau, were attacked and robbed by two Highwaymen in a Lane near Battersea.

We hear that by the Will of the late Duke of Richmond, he has left a considerable Sum to charitable Uses; twenty Pounds to each of his menial Servants, with Mourning; one hundred Pounds each to all his Stewards and Bailiffs, and all the Rent of his Tennants in Arrear to be discharged.

An Express is arrived from Hanover, which, it is said, brought an Account that his Majesty would set out for England on the 18th of next Month.

We hear that on Saturday last three eminent Tradesmen were taken up for buying Part of the Goods that were stolen off the Keys, and considerable Bail was offered for their Appearance, but refused.

Sunday a Person supposed to be Buchanan, who was condemned to be hang'd at Execution Dock about eigh Years since, and was cut down while hanging, by a party of Sailors, and carried off, was taken at Rag Fair, and committed to New Prison, for further Examination.

We hear from Cambridge, that the Daughters of the late Duke of Somerset, Chancellor of that University, have made an offer to them of the Statue of their Father; which was gratefully accepted of, and when finished is to be set up in their Senate House there.

There are a great Number of filed Guineas about, many of them wanting three Shilling in Weight, which come chiefly from Ireland.——We mention this that the Public may be on their Guard.

Monday, about Noon, one of the Vases, above the Gilt Gallery of St. Paul's, by a Board's being put out against it, was thrown down, and in its Fall, went thro' the Cradle, which the Men work in to repair the Dome, and wounded the Plumber who was then at Work. It touched afterwards upon the Stone Gallery, and from thence fell on the Top of the South Isle, where it made its Way thro', and lodged on the Brick work of the Arches that support the Roof; and there broke the Fastning or Chain that held up one of the Sconces, which fell into the Church, and damaged the Pavement. ——The Plumber's Labourer had but just quitted the Cradle before this Accident had happened, or it might in all Probability have killed him.

An Express from Hanover is gone to Dr. Conybear, Dean of Christ Church, Oxford, with his Majesty's Nomination of him to the Bishoprick of Bristol.

At the same Time came over his Majesty's Appointment of the Bishop of Oxford, to the Deanry of St. Paul's.

On Monday Night as Richard Chamberlain, Esq; one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Middlesex, was returning in his Chariot from Hampstead to his House at Islington, he was attacked at lower Halloway near Islington Workhouse, by a single Highwayman, who robbed him of near 3 l. The Villain attempted to shoot the Coachman, for not stoping so soon as he would have had him, but the Pistol only flashed in the Pan.

A Representation having lately been made, that there is Reason to believe, that considerable Quantities of Wool was frequently run to France from certain Ports, the Lords of the Regency have ordered a Number of proper Officers to repair to those Ports forthwith, to put a Stop to such base Proceedings.

The present Duke of Richmond will soon set out on his Travels; and we hear his Grace will study two Years at a foreign University, where the Right Hon. the Earl of Pembroke is gone for the same End.

On Wednesday last arrived in the River the Unicorn, Guy, from Greenland, who has brought Home three Whales.——It is said that Captain Guy had caught another Fish, much larger than those above mentioned; and that it was forcibly taken from him by the Crews of two French Ships, who pretended a Right, by striking it, tho' the Fish was dead before they came up.

By the Union, Welch, (who in her Passage from Jamaica was obliged by Stress of Weather to put into the Havannah, and after undergoing a strict Seach, and many tedious expensive Formalities, was suffered to depart, no Commodities of the Spanish West-Indies having been found in her) we have Advice that the Spaniards have begun to erect Forts at Honduras and in the Bay of Campeachy, being absolutely determined to suffer no Vessels of any Nation but their own to come upon that Coast: And besides the Force fitted out at the Havannah, which has already made such Havock among the Log-wood Cutters, they are equipping seven large Ships at Vera Cruz, which are to be sent out to Cruize along the Spanish Main, as soon as they can get Hands to Mann them, and a farther Supply of Naval Stores.

It is reported that his Grace the Duke of Bedford will be appointed Master of the Horse to his Majesty.

The Earl of Sandwich to be appointed Secretary of State in his room.

The Right Hon. the Lord Anson to be First Lord of the Admiralty.

His Grace the Duke of Marlborough to be Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

His Grace the Duke of Leeds to be Lord Steward of the Household. And,

The Right Hon. the Earl of Harrington to be Master of the Ordnance.

Monday Night Mr Houghton a Broker, coming from Newington, was attacked by three Fellows, who robbed him of about thirty Shillings and a Gold Ring.

Wednesday Morning as a Dray belonging to Mr. Rayner a Brewer, with four Men attending it, was passing over Limehouse Bridge, the Bridge broke down and all fell into the Thames, it being then High Water, by which Accident one of the Draymen had both his Legs broke, another was so much bruised that it is thought he cannot recover, and the other two were slightly wounded; but the Horses did not receive any Damage ——It seems the Bridge had been repaired, and finished the Day before, but the Director of the Work had mistakenly given Orders to lessen the Curve of the Arch, (in order to make the Passage easier) whereby it was greatly weakened, and occasioned this melancholy Accident.

They write from Cowes, that on Saturday Night last there came on Shore, on the South Part of the Island, the Speedwell, Grange, belonging to Scarborough, from Lisbon, having Money and Silk on board.

About the same Time a Swedish Ship also came on Shore, laden with Salt.

By a Letter from Hanover we have an Account, that Count Augustus Lewis, Son and Heir to the Countess of Yarmouth, who has been reported to be dead of the Small-Pox, is in a fair Way of Recovery.

Last Week a Smuggling Vessel, of about 40 Tons, was seized on the Coast of Sussex, laden with Teas and Brandies. The Master of her was taken with four of the Crew, and are to be sent to Horsham.

On Saturday last two Gentlemen were robbed in a Post-Chaise between Barnet and Bell Bar, of a considerable Sum.

Thursday was brought before Mr. Alderman Winterbottom, the sitting Alderman at Guildhall, seventeen loose, idle, and disorderly Persons, taken up on Wednesday Night in Portsoken Ward, by the Constable and Watchmen, for breeding Riots, and being unable to give any good Account of themselves; and the greatest Part of them were by the said Magistrate committed to Bridewell, and the London Workhouse.

We hear that one of them, one Mary Glover, was concerned with another Common Woman, on Friday 7-Night last, in decoying a young Country Fellow into a notorious bad House in Gravel Lane, and picking his Pocket of Six Pounds.

Thursday the Corpse of his Grace the Duke of Richmond was carried from Godalmin to Chichester, in order to be interred in a new Vault lately made there for his Grace's Family. All the Trophies of Honour belonging to his Grace, were carried in Procession before the Hearse, which was adorned with Escutcheons, with the Arms of his Grace (which is the Royal Arms quarter'd) and his Lady, &c. The Remains of his Grace's Father, who has been buried upwards of twenty Years in Westminster Abbey, was taken up, as were five of his Children who were interred at St. Martin's in the Fields; the Leaden Coffins were all put into new Cases, and covered with new Velvet, and carried down to Chichester, to be deposited in the same Vault.

Last Week was committed to the Gatehouse for Shoplifting, by Henry Trent, Esq; one George Anderson, whose true Name since appears to be Jeffry Everitt, an old Offender.

On Sunday Night last a Coach was stopt on Cambridge-Heath by two Highwaymen, who robbed two Servant Maids, belonging to Mr. Alvares (whose Coach it was) of a few Shillings, their Handkerchiefs and Gloves.

We have an Account from Clarum in Somersetshire, that a great Number of Trees were torn up by the Roots near that Place by the Violence of the Storm which happened on Sunday se'nnight.

And from Reading in Berkshire, that some thousands of Hop Poles had been blown down by the same Storm; but that the Wheat Harvest was pretty near over, before it happened.

Monday Night the famous D——k Sw——ft, and his Gang, decoyed a Countryman into a Publick House in Kingsland Road, and cheated him of about four Guineas; but the Countryman being informed what Sort of People they were, resolutely insisted on his Money again, instead of which they knock'd him down, and beat him unmercifully, another Countryman passing by accidentally, endeavoured to assist the poor injured Fellow, and met with the same Treatment: after which the Villains made off towards Hoxton, where, we are informed, there is a Gang of near fifty of them.

By a private Letter from Turin, we have an Account of the Death of Lieut. Gen. Maguire, Col. of a Regiment of Waraldins, in the Queen of Hungary's Service, who in a few Years was raised from a common Soldier, to this high Post.

Extract of a Letter from Southampton, Aug. 12.

"Sir, I beg leave to inform you, that by the indefatigable Care of Mr. Richard Taunton of this Town, Merchant, this Day sailed the Bedford and Argyle Busse, built here for the Service of the British White Herring Fishery, for their Rendezvous at Campbeltown in Argyleshire; they are justly esteemed as well fitted, victualled, and manned, as any Busses fitted out at Holland on the Herring Fishery."

From the Paris, A-la main, Aug. 21.

We hear from Sirkes, a small Town in Lorrain, that on the 16th of July last, a small River that runs through the Town and discharges itself into the Moselle, had swell within the Compass of one Hour's Time, no less than 22 Feet beyond its usual Mark; and that the Inundation which by consequence ensued thereupon, was such, that the oldest Inhabitants does not remember any Misfortune of the like Nature, and did a prodigious deal of Damage.

The Torrent absolutely demolished 33 Houses, and so far damaged 27 others, that they were forced to be pull'd down afterwards; that about 20 of the Inhabitants actually lost their Lives; and that no less than 400 others were in the utmost Danger; and notwithstanding that they made their Escape as well as they could, they sav'd none of their Effects.

The Marshal de Belleisle has taken their Misfortunes into his serious Consideration, and done all the good Offices that lay in his Power for the Relief of those poor and distressed Families.

Mrs. Keith's Corpse was removed from her Husband's House in May-Fair the Middle of October last, to an Apothecary's in South Audley Street, where she lies in a Room hung with Mourning, and is to continue there till Mr. Keith can attend her Funeral.——Several Persons, belonging to Churches and Chapels, together with many others, supposing the Marriages at May Fair New Chapel to be detrimental to their Interest, have made it their Business to rave and clamour, but in such a Manner as not to deserve an Answer, because every Thing they have said tends only to expose their own Ignorance and Malice, in the Opinion of People of good Sense and Understanding.—The Way to Mr. Keith's Chapel is thro' Piccadilly, by the End of St. James's-Street, and down Clarges-Street, and turn on the Left Hand. The Marriages (together with a Licence on a Five Shilling Stamp, and Certificate) are carried on for a Guinea, as usual, any Time 'till four in the Afternoon, by another regular Clergyman, at Mr. Keith's Little Chapel in May Fair, near Hyde Park Corner, opposite the Great Chapel, and within Ten Yards of it. There is a Porch at the Door like a Country Church Porch.

COUNTRY NEWS.

Yarmouth, Aug. 9. On Tuesday Night a barbarous Murder was committed at the Sea Side near this Town, on the Body of Rober Bullen, about eighteen Years of Age, Son of a Farmer at Thrandeston in Suffolk. He was drinking about the Town, and seeing some Sailors in a Boat in the Haven, desired to partake of the Pleasure of Sailing with them, and accordingly was admitted. On his coming ashore, one Barchard, a Sailor (with whom he had been in the Boat), carried him to the Fort and Haven's Mouth to shew him those Places, whom, for his Civility, he treated very handsomely; and tis supposed on paying the Reckoning, the Sailor saw Gold and Silver about him, which tempted him to perpetrate this horrid Action. In their Return from the Haven's Mouth, Barchard finding him much in Liquor, attempted to shove him into the Sea, but the Countryman making great Resistance, he found it impracticable, on which the Villain took Stones and knocked him down, and then dispatched him with a Knife, giving him upwards of 20 Wounds in the Head, robbed him, and left the Body on the Strand. On Wednesday Morning some Gentlemen's Servants riding to Watering found the Body most terribly mangled. Barchard was immediately taken and committed to Jail on Suspicion, and in a few Hours after Confinement confessed the Fact.

Harwich, Aug. 11. On Monday last John Smith, Esq; an eminent Timber Merchant was elected one of the Sheriffs of this City for the Year ensuing. Messrs. Wiggett, Astley and Leace, paid their Fines of fourscore Pounds each, to be excused serving the said Office.

Cambridge, Aug. 11. On Wednesday last Lord Chief Justice Willes and Mr. Justice Birch came to this Town, to hold the Assizes here, when John Osborn, a Butcher, (who lately broke out of Chelmsford Gaol) was tried for breaking open a House at Fordham in this County, and stealing thereout some Money, and was cast for Transportation for seven Years; as was Francis Farrcliff, a Boy about fourteen Years of Age, for stealing a Silver Spoon. John Gailer, ordered to be removed to Chelmsford, in Essex, to take his Trial at the next Assizes for an Amour with a She Ass.

SCOTLAND.

Edinburgh, Aug. 9. Last Tuesday as the Reapers were cutting down a Field of Wheat, a little to the West of the Colt Bridge, they found an Infant Child, with its Head cut off, lying beside the Body: It appeared to have been there but a few Days. 'Tis hoped the Secret of this unnatural Cruelty will soon be detected, and the inhumane Actors brought to condign Punishment. Probably the unhappy Fruit of some criminal Amour!

They write from Aberdeen, that there has been such a late Season there, that the Barley Harvest begun three Weeks ago, and is greatly advancing; and that New Bear Meal sells for 5 d. the Peck.

That the late Rains have done incredible Damage in several Parts of that Country. A Woman was drowned in Spey, and a Man perished in attempting to cross the River Dee. An old Woman took up a Piece of Cloath from the Green and got to the Top of a Peat-stack, when she was instantly surrounded by Water; Some People ventured in, and brought her to Land, when immediately the whole Stack was swept away by the Torrent.

And that, on Thursday last Week, one Margaret Strachan, who was to have been married this Week, was brewing Ale for the Marriage, but unfortunately fell backwards into a Tub of boiling Wort, whereby she was miserably scalded to Death.

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